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SUBJ: RETURN OF AMERICAN TOURISTS TO ISRAEL

1. AHRAH, ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY EGYPTIAN GAZETTE, AND FRENCH DAILY JOURNAL D'EGYPTE AGAIN FEATURE ON FRONT-PAGE FEB 28 ARTICLES ON RETURN OF AMERICAN TOURISTS AND BUS TO ISRAEL. ALL THREE STORIES QUOTE EGYPTIAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN WHO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT AN ISRAELI BUS CARRYING 28 AMERICANS HAD CROSSED EGYPTIAN LINES NEAR ISMAILIYYA ON TUESDAY. THEY WERE ON A SIGHTSEEING TRIP IN ISRAEL AND SINAI, "ORGANIZED BY THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL IN COOPERATION WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. THE TRIP WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESCORTING AMERICAN JEWS AROUND ISRAEL AND COLLECTING DONATIONS". THE SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT THE TOURISTS WERE RECEIVED AT THE ISMAILIYYA GOVERNORATE BUILDING. EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED UNTSO OF THE MATTER AND HANDED OVER THE TOURISTS TO UNTSO ON THE EVENING OF THE SAME DAY SO THAT THEY WOULD BE RETURNED TO ISRAEL.

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2. COMMENT: THE NOTION OF IMMEDIATE TURNOVER OF AMERICAN

ZIONISTS, ALLEGEDLY ENGAGED IN FUND RAISING FOR ISRAEL,  
WILL BE INTERPRETED BY EDUCATED EGYPTIANS AS GOE GOOD  
WILL GESTURE TOWARD MAINTAINING THE CURRENT DIPLOMATIC  
MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE.  
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